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Title : Need to set up an airstrip in Murshidabad district, West Bengal to facilitate flight services for promoting tourism in the region.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY (BAHARAMPUR): District Murshidabad is 200 KMs away from the Kolkata city. Murshidabad has been emerging as a tourist destination in view of its economic potential but the flow of tourists is impeded due to distance which consumes 4 to 5 hours if travelled by road. Apart from tourist destination, an army cantonment is scheduled to be set up there as its shares the border with Bangladesh where work is scheduled to be initiated in few months.

The prospects of the district both in terms of tourists and other consideration could be brighter provided an air-strip is established there. Further, the district is recognized as the highest concentration of population of Muslims in the country.

In view of the above, I request the Government to consider the proposal of setting up an air-strip as soon as possible to facilitate the emergence of the district as a place of tourist importance.